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1. ON MAY 10 EMBOFF SAW WELL-INFORMED SOURCE WHO PROVIDED FURTHER DETAILS TO THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. SOURCE, A PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS AND AN OFFICIAL OF TEACHERS' UNION, HAS ANALYZED CLOSELY PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF GOT'S SERVICE CIVIL PROGRAM SINCE IT WAS ACTIVATED ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF HIS OBSERVATIONS. H PRIMARY INCIDENCE OF LAW FALLS UPON MALES BETWEEN 19 AND 29, WITH 19 YEAR OLDS BEARING GREATEST EXPOSURE. OF APPROXIMATELY 60,000 MALES TURNING 19 EACH YEAR, 5,000 ENTER MILITARY SERVICE;
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20,000 ARE EXEMPT DUE SOLE SUPPORT OF FAMILY, HANDICAPS, OR OTHER REASONS; AND 20,000 ARE FULLTIME STUDENTS. REMAINING 20,000 ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE FOLLOWING ANALYSIS.

2. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, POLICE TEAMS ARE CONDUCTING RANDOM CHECKS IN LOCALES FREQUENTED BY YOUNG MEN -- COFFEE HOUSES, MAJOR TRANSPORTATION JUNCTIONS, SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

CENTERS. THOSE NOT POSSESSING THEIR IDENTITY CARD FOR ANY REASON ARE PLACED IN A POLICE VAN AND SENT IMMEDIATELY TO A SCREENING CENTER FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. WHILE THE DRAGNETS ARE CONDUCTED BY POLICE, SCREENING CENTERS ARE LOCATED ON MILITARY RESERVATIONS. THE YOUNG MEN WHO PRODUCES HIS IDENTITY CARD FALLS INTO ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES: UNEMPLOYED, FULLTIME STUDENT, OR CURRENTLY EMPLOYED. IF HE CANNOT PROVE EMPLOYMENT TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE INVESTIGATING POLICE OFFICER, HE IS SENT TO THE SCREENING CENTER. IF HE CAN PROVE FULLTIME STUDENT STATUS, HE IS RELEASED. IF HE IS EMPLOYED, HIS CASE IS DETERMINED IN PART BY WHETHER HE RECEIVES A DAILY WAGE OR A MONTHLY SALARY. IF AN UNSKILLED LABORER WORKING ON A DAILY BASIS, HE IS STILL SUBJECT TO THE SERVICE CIVIL. THE EXAMINING POLICE OFFICER MAY EXERCISE DISCRETION ON WHETHER TO RELEASE HIM OR TO SEND HIM ON FOR FURTHER SCREENING. IF HE IS A SALARIED EMPLOYEE OR WORKER, HE IS RELEASED. THE SCREENING CENTERS CHECK FURTHER INTO THE SUBJECTS' POLICE RECORDS, MEDICAL CONDITIONS, AND OTHER POTENTIAL BARRIERS TO THEIR INDUCTION INTO THE PROGRAM.

3. BY CHANCE, SOURCE'S SCHOOL OFFICE IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF CASERNE BOUCHOUCHA, ONE OF THE ARMY INSTALLATIONS SERVING AS A SERVICE CIVIL SCREENING POINT. DURING THESE CONVERSATIONS OF TWO AND A HALF HOURS, EMBOFF WITNESSED TWO OR THREE VAN LOADS OF YOUNG CIVILIANS ARRIVING AT THE BARRACKS. SOURCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSURED HIM THAT THESE YOUNG MEN WERE INDEED CANDIDATES FOR THE SERVICE CIVIL.
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